

SMA: Expect Predictability, Stability, for Future

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CAMP VICTORY NORTH, Baghdad, Iraq — With continuous deployments in support of the Global War on Terrorism, Soldiers must always be ready to receive the word to deploy. Knowing exactly when they will be called upon would provide a more set and stable schedule for Soldiers.

This type of consistency is provided in a plan the Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston presented to Soldiers from the 2nd Brigade "Commando" Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division and 1st Cavalry Division.

"This transformation we are currently going through means predictability and stability for Soldiers

and their families," the Army's top non-commissioned officer said during a brief visit to Baghdad. "I want to talk about what the transformation means for you as a Soldier and what it means to your families."

Preston said the first piece of predictability and stability is growing the number of forces to the Army inventory, which will give Soldiers the predictability of where they will be deployed to, year after year, as they look out down the road.

The Army is currently made up of 33 brigade combat teams within 10 divisions, and Preston said these brigade combat teams are the workhorses.

His proposal to increase troop strength will add 15 new brigades to the Army inventory, and convert all of the brigades into



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Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston speaks to a group of Soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division and 1st Cavalry Division at Camp Victory North in Baghdad. Preston explained new changes the Army will be going through over the next few years.

units of action. action by the end of 2006,"

"We are going to take the 33 brigades apart and create 43 brigade units of he said. "We will have the

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Photos courtesy of 1st Brigade Combat Team

After several days of fighting in eastern Baghdad, Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment handed out humanitarian aid rations to crowds of Sadr City residents Aug. 20.



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Col. Mark A. Milley, 2nd Brigade "Commandos" Combat Team commander and Sgt. Maj. Michael E. Kinzie, 2nd BCT "Commandos" acting command sergeant major uncased the 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division colors during an uncasing ceremony at Camp Victory North August 12.

The 10th Mountain Division's 2nd BCT arrived in Baghdad late July to augment the 1st Cavalry Division's operations there.

Color sergeants post is a time-honored tradition dating back to ancient warfare. The color sergeant was entrusted to guard and protect the regimental colors while marching into battle. The privilege was given to the strongest and bravest Soldier in the unit.

Army Transformation to Provide More Options for Soldiers

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option to go into 48 units of action by the end of 2007."

The new units of action will provide an efficient task force containing a much wider spread of military occupational specialties, allowing the unit of action to operate without attachments from other units, Preston said.

"Each brigade unit of action will be self-contained," he said. "Right now if you wanted to send 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain anywhere in the

world, there is a lot of layering involved with getting that brigade to operate independently.

"It would need a signal battalion, a military intelligence battalion, an air defense artillery battalion, and military police from an MP company in order for it to function by itself. The units of action will contain all the battle field operating systems required for that brigade to operate independently and on their own."

Preston said the units of action will have a "lifecycle" of 36 months. He

said during these 36 months, the brigade will train and certify Soldiers for six months to reach a high level of training proficiency and readiness through field training exercises and area certifications, as well as Joint Readiness Training Center and National Training Center rotations.

He said the Soldiers will then spend the next 26 to 30 months in a ready phase, where they might do one or two six month deployments during that time period.

"We are currently on 12

month rotational cycle," Preston said. "We would like to see it scaled back from 12 months to something less, like 9 months and potentially back to 6, which is where we were while in Bosnia and Kosovo."

Preston said stability in Soldiers' lives will come from a three to seven year lifecycle Soldiers will fulfill at one duty station.

After that lifecycle, Soldiers will have the option of reenlisting for another duty station of choice.

Useful Iraqi Words/Phrases

Colonel
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Monday
High: 110
Low: 81



Sunday
High: 111
Low: 82



Monday
High: 112
Low: 82



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News Notes

Crime Drops in Downtown Killeen

KILLEEN, Texas (*Daily Herald*) -- An area that used to suffer from drug trafficking and other illegal activity has been cleaned up by police according to local residents. The downtown area of Killeen has seen stepped up patrols and increased arrests after concerns were voiced by area residents.

Capitol Building Gets New Look

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas (*Democrat-Gazette*) -- A \$1.3 million refurbishment of the state Capitol grounds should be finished by October. The refurbishment is part of a project by Secretary of State Charlie Daniels, which will return the Capitol to its original state.

Lady Liberty's Base Reopens



NEW YORK, N.Y. (*Newsday*) -- America's symbol of freedom reopened August 19 for the first time since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and there was no shortage of visitors despite the hot, humid weather and heightened security. Hundreds of tourists joined Mayor Michael Bloomberg to mark the event.

Grant Helps Researchers

► *Seattle P-I*

SEATTLE, Wash. -- The military has given Paul Allen's brain research project \$1.8 million to incorporate into its overall mission of gene-mapping the mind of some additional work on sleep deprivation.

Rep. George Nethercutt, vice chairman of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee and a GOP challenger to Sen. Patty Murray, yesterday visited the Allen Institute for Brain Science to announce the grant from the Army's medical technology program.

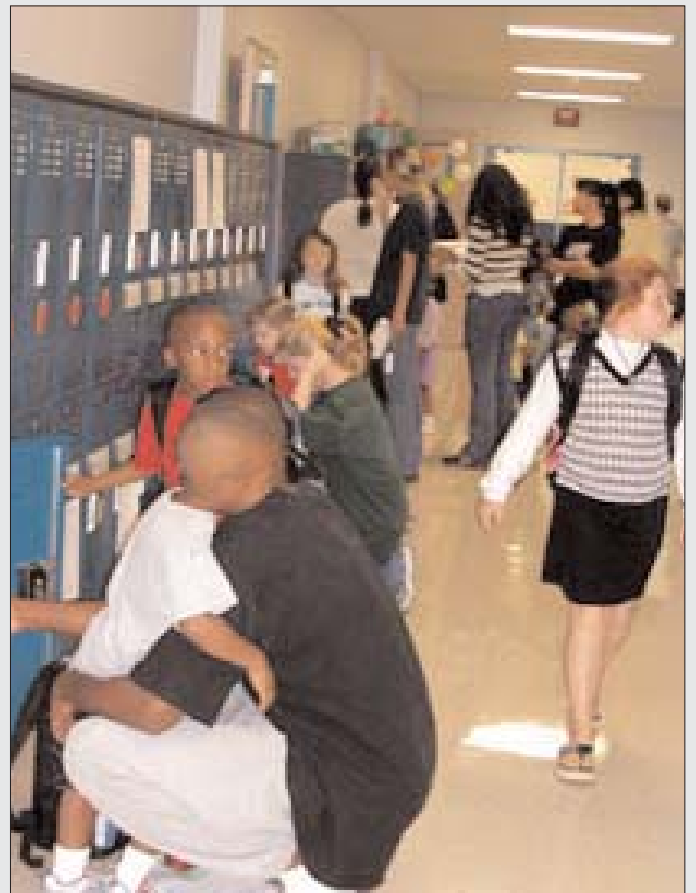
"This is a prominent problem for the military that's perfectly suited to the (brain) institute," he said. Nethercutt said the one-year Army research grant was a line item in the 2005 Defense Appropriations Act.

The Allen institute's debut project, the Allen Brain Atlas, aims to map all of the active genes in the mammalian brain -- starting with the mouse brain. Allen donated \$100 million to launch the effort last year. Many experts view it as both tremendously important and highly ambitious.

Dr. Allan Jones, acting director of the brain atlas program, said the Army's desire to use the Fremont-based brain-mapping operation to help with its sleep-deprivation studies wouldn't dilute the overall scientific mission.

"We've always envisioned that we're going to apply this project to specific problems in biology. This just happens to be the first one."

Nethercutt was asked



Copperas Cove Daily Leader

A father and son give each other a hug as school resumed at Miss. Jewell Elementary. Monday was the first day for children to go back to school for the Copperas Cove Independent School District.

why the military would want to spend money on such basic brain science when the war in Iraq appears to be putting a strain on existing resources. The congressman said this is the kind of fundamental research that can help make those resources go further and perform better.

"If we can learn more about sleep deprivation and performance, I think we're going to save lives." The Allen brain project, Nethercutt said, should provide sleep researchers with new insights into sleep, fatigue and mental performance under duress - all areas of interest to the

military.

Nethercutt noted the grant specifically aims to promote collaboration between the brain institute and one of the military's top scientists in sleep, Dr. Greg Belenky.

Belenky, an Army colonel, is a researcher at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and will soon work at the University of Washington and as the director of sleep research at the Spokane Alliance for Medical Research.

Once a series of genes are identified as active in sleep, he said, the goal would be to study different stages of sleep to look for changes over time.



Kristine Lilly of the U.S.A, center, is hugged by teammates after scoring the first goal against Japan in an Olympic quarterfinal match at Kaftanzoglio Stadium in Thessaloniki, Greece, Friday. Japan's Tomomi Miyamoto runs off on right. AP

US Advances to Semis

THESSALONIKI, Greece (AP) -- Abby Wambach will never score an easier goal. From one foot away, she tapped the ball into the net and put the United States into the Olympic semifinals.

Wambach finished a four-on-zero breakaway in the 59th minute, her 17th goal in her last 18 games, giving the U.S. women's soccer team a 2-1 quarterfinal victory over Japan on Friday.

The Americans will play in the semifinals on Monday in Iraklion, site of their opening first-round victory over Greece.

All three goals were unusual, but Wambach's certainly required the least effort. With Mia Hamm taking a long free kick, the

Japanese mistimed the off-side trap, moving their defenders forward a split-second too late.

That left four American players alone to chase down Hamm's kick -- and goalkeeper Nozomi Yamago helplessly surrounded. Shannon Boxx controlled the ball easily and slid a pass to Wambach, who literally trotted the ball into the net.

Kristine Lilly scored her second goal in as many games in the 43rd minute for the Americans, who

improved to 14-0-3 all-time against Japan. Emi Yamamoto scored for Japan in the 48th.

The U.S. team played more aggressively throughout, responding to coach April Heinrichs' urge to play with "less caution" after tepid efforts in the three first-round games.

Japan entered the game with five days' rest in an unusual Olympic format that had teams playing different numbers of first-round games. The U.S. team had just two days' rest and played its fourth game in 10 days.

As with most games not involving Greece, the game attracted only a few thousand fans to the 26,200-seat Kaftanzoglio Stadium.

Medals	G	S	B	Tot.
	20	17	12	49
	18	13	10	41
	7	13	14	34

Sports Shorts

Phelps Sits Out, Wins 8th Medal



AP

ATHENS, Greece (AP) - Michael Phelps won another gold medal, this time wearing khaki shorts and flip-flops. From a front-row seat at the Olympic pool, Phelps watched his teammates do all the work in the 400-meter medley relay Saturday night. When they won with a world-record time, Phelps got a gold, too - his record-tying eighth medal of the Athens Games.

Little League Series Blowout



AP

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa (AP) -- Texas beat Washington state 18-7 in their little league world series semifinals game August 21. Texas' Randal Grichuk, the only returning US player in this years series hit two home runs and an RBI double to help Texas rout Redmond (Wash.).